# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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HEALTHCARE INSURANCE
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**Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the progress in the field of healthcare insurance is slow in India;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor; and

(c) the steps taken / proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a) The health insurance premium in India has grown from about Rs.700 crores to over Rs.5100 crores between 2001-02 to 2007-08 which reflects a compounded annual growth rate of 39% over this period.During the first half of the current financial year i.e. 2008-09 the health insurance premium has grown by 47% over the corresponding period in the previous year.

(b) & (c): Do not arise.